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OF THE

SEVENTH GENERAL MEETING

OF

THE SYDENHAM SOCIETY,

HELD AT

THE SOCIETY'S ROOMS,

On Tuesday, May 1st, 1849.

BENJAMIN GUY BABINGTON, M.D., F.R.S.,
TREASURER OF THE SOCIETY,

IN THE CHAIR.

WITH THE
LAWS OF THE SOCIETY, LIST OF OFFICERS,

&c. &c

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THE SYDENHAM SOCIETY.

The Seventh Anniversary Meeting of the SYDENHAM SOCIETY was held at the Society's Rooms, 45, Frith Street, Soho, on Tuesday, May 1st, 1849, Dr. B. G. BABINGTON, Treasurer of the Society, in the Chair; when the following Report was presented and adopted.

REPORT.

ON this, the Seventh Anniversary of the SYDENHAM SOCIETY, the Council have the pleasure to present the following Report of their proceedings during the past year:

There have been issued for the Subscription of the past year four volumes, viz.:—Rhazes on the Small Pox and Measles; the First Volume of the complete Works of Hippocrates; the First Volume of the English Edition of Sydenham, and the Second Volume of Rokitsansky's Pathological Anatomy.

It was originally the intention of the Council to have issued the Edition of Hippocrates in one volume; but as it was found that, in this form, it would have constituted a very bulky and unwieldy book, it was deemed expedient to divide the work into two parts or volumes. Having also, for similar reasons, been induced to issue the English Sydenham in two volumes, the Council have been enabled to place in the hands of the Subscribers, earlier than they could otherwise have done, a portion of the great work of Rokitsansky; and as, by these arrangements, greater variety in the character of the works has been ensured, it is hoped that they will meet with the approbation of the Members. For the reasons which determined the Council to commence with the second, rather than the first volume of Rokitsansky, they refer to the statements given by the Editor in the Preface to the second volume.

The Council have the satisfaction to announce that they have secured the services of Dr. Fleetwood Churchill, of Dublin, to prepare a volume of select Monographs, principally by British authors, on the Diseases peculiar

to Women. Their valued coadjutor Dr. Sharpey has also kindly consented to edit a volume that will comprise the works of some of the most distinguished physiological writers of the age of Sydenham.

The favorable reception accorded to the volume of Professor Dupuytren's Clinical Lectures on the Diseases and Injuries of Bones, has induced the Council to determine on the publication of another selection from the same source.

In the Fifth Annual Report it was announced that arrangements were pending for the publication of a British Medical Bibliography, and the Council have now to announce that they have agreed with Dr. Kennedy, late of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, to publish his MS. Bibliography. On this work Dr. Kennedy has been occupied during the greater part of a long life, and has spared neither expense nor labour to make it, what the Council believe it will prove to be, a most complete and valuable Bibliography of British Medicine.

The Council have been anxious not to publish any portion of the Bibliography, till they had made such arrangements as would justify the expectation that they might ultimately carry into effect the whole scheme. Having, however, now arranged for the preparation of the general Bibliography to the end of the sixteenth century, and for the whole of the British department to the close of the last century, it is the intention of the Council to issue at least one volume in the course of the ensuing year.

It is deemed highly desirable that the issue of the Bibliography should interfere as little as possible with that of the ordinary works. But in order to accomplish this object, it will be absolutely necessary to keep up, if not to augment, the present number of Members; for, in consequence of the number of volumes that have been issued for each year's Subscription, the Council have been unable to set aside any portion of the funds for the special purposes of the Bibliography, although, as it was originally intended, this they have been anxious to do.

The Council therefore trust that all who have benefited by the prosperity which the Society has hitherto enjoyed, will feel it incumbent on them to seek every opportunity of promoting its future success by inducing others to participate in its advantages.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the SYDENHAM SOCIETY,
From the 25th March, 1848, to the 25th March, 1849.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward	477 2 4	Petty Cash, Advertisements, Stationery, Postage, &c. .	14 12 6
Interest allowed by Union Bank to 31st Dec. 1848 .	9 6 3	Local Secretaries' Expenses of Collection	24 12 0
Dividend on £195 8s. 2d., 3 per Cent. Consols .	5 13 10	Editorial Expenses	152 10 0
From 14 Subscribers for Reprint of 1st Year's Books .	14 14 0	Book-binding	269 2 0
From 9 Ditto for 1844-5 and 1845-6	9 9 0	Paper	429 8 0
From 22 Ditto for 1846-7	23 2 0	Printing	279 8 0
From 76 Ditto for 1847-8	80 0 0	Rent, Clerk and Collector's Salaries, Office Expenses, and delivery of Books (1½ year)	266 14 5
From 1592 Ditto for 1848-9	1672 12 0	Union Bank : Commission on Notes	0 3 6
Insurance of Books, lost, and Carriage of Books .	31 2 8	Insurance from Fire	4 10 0
		Secretary's Salary, one year	157 10 0
		Returned Subscriptions paid in error	2 2 0
		Defalcation of Birmingham Collector	2 2 0
		* Balance in the hands of the Treasurer . . .	720 7 8
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April 16, 1849.		April 16, 1849.	

* Liabilities on account of works issued, say £600.

The thanks of the Meeting were voted to the several Officers of the past year, and a ballot having taken place for President, Vice-Presidents, and Council for the ensuing year, the following gentlemen were declared to have been duly elected.

OFFICERS FOR 1849-50.

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LAWS OF THE SYDENHAM SOCIETY.

I. THE Society is instituted for the purpose of meeting certain acknowledged deficiencies in existing means for diffusing medical literature, which are not likely to be supplied by the efforts of individuals, and shall be called the "SYDENHAM SOCIETY."

II. The Society will carry its objects into effect by a succession of publications, embracing, among others,—1, Reprints of standard English works, which are rare or expensive; 2, Miscellaneous Selections from the ancient and from the earlier modern authors, reprinted or translated; 3, Digests of the works of old and voluminous authors, British and Foreign, with occasional biographical and bibliographical notices; 4, Translations of the Greek and Latin medical authors, and of works in the Arabic and other Eastern tongues, accompanied, when it is thought desirable, by the original text; 5, Translations of recent foreign works of merit; 6, Original works of merit which might prove valuable as books of reference, but which would not otherwise be published, from the slender chance of their meeting with a remunerating sale—such as Bibliographies, alphabetical and digested Indexes to voluminous periodical publications, &c.

III. The Society shall consist of an unlimited number of members.

IV. The subscription constituting a member shall be One Guinea; to be paid in advance on the 25th day of March, annually; for which he shall be entitled to a copy of every work published by the Society for the year for which he subscribes. Any Subscriber who shall not have paid his subscription previous to the last day in July of the current year, shall not be allowed the privileges of that year's subscription except on the payment of a fine of Five shillings; nor shall any one be allowed to join the Society for the current year after that period except on payment of a similar fine.

V. The Officers of the Society shall be elected from the Members; and shall consist of a President, sixteen Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary, and a Council of twenty-four, in whom the power of framing bye-laws, and directing the affairs of the Society shall be vested.

VI. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Council shall be elected annually by the Members attending at the general anniversary meeting of the Society; and the election shall be by ballot. Balloting lists of Members proposed by the Council, with blank spaces for such alterations as any Member may wish to make, shall be laid on the Society's table for the use of the Members.

VII. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be eligible for re-election, except that of the Vice-Presidents four shall retire every second year, the retirements having been determined by the Council.

VIII. Six of the Council of the preceding year shall be ineligible for re-election, the retirements to be determined by the Council previous to the annual Meeting.

IX. The election of Members of Council shall be by ballot, and shall take place annually by the Members attending the anniversary meeting, and in the manner prescribed for the election of Vice-Presidents.

X. The Council shall immediately fill up vacancies occurring in their numbers, in consequence of the death or retirement of Members at periods antecedent to the annual meeting.

XI. The Council shall annually nominate a Secretary and Treasurer, subject to the approval of the general meeting, who shall *ex officio* be members of the Council.

XII. The Council shall also appoint Local Honorary Secretaries wherever they shall see fit.

XIII. The business of the President shall be to preside at the annual and extraordinary meetings of the Society; in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents or the Treasurer, or any member of the Council, chosen by the members present, shall take the chair.

XIV. The Treasurer, or some person or persons appointed by him, shall receive all money due or payable to the Society.

XV. The money in the hands of the Treasurer, which shall not be immediately required for the uses of the Society, shall be vested in government, or such other speedily available securities as shall be approved of and directed by the Council.

XVI. The Council shall select the works to be published by the Society, and shall make all arrangements, pecuniary and otherwise, in regard to editing, translating, preparing works for the press, printing, &c. But in the event of any Member of the Council being appointed to edit any work for the Society, for which he is to receive pecuniary remuneration, he shall immediately cease to be a member of the Council, and shall not be re-eligible till after the publication of the work.

XVII. The Council shall lay before the Members, at each anniversary meeting, a report of their proceedings during the past year, and also an account of the receipts and expenditure of the Society; and shall further cause to be printed and circulated among the Members an abstract of such report and accounts immediately after each anniversary meeting.

XVIII. The annual accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Society shall be audited by a committee of three Members, selected at the preceding anniversary meeting from among the Members at large.

XIX. The Secretary shall have the management of the general correspondence of the Society, and of such other business as may arise in carrying out its objects.

XX. The Local Secretaries shall be in communication with the Metropolitan Secretary, and aid in their several districts in furthering the objects of the Society.

XXI. Members shall have the privilege of proposing works for publication, and shall address their propositions to the Council.

XXII. The Society shall hold its anniversary meeting on the 1st of May, or on the next lawful day thereafter, at such time and place as the Council may agree upon, notice of the said anniversary meeting having been given to Members at least one week previously to the day fixed upon.

XXIII. No Member shall be entitled to receive the Society's publications unless his annual subscription shall have been duly paid.

XXIV. The works of the Society shall be handsomely printed, on a uniform plan, for members only.

XXV. It shall not be competent for book-clubs to subscribe to the Society as members; but it shall be permitted to societies and institutions having *permanent* libraries to subscribe to the Society in the name of their President, Secretary, or Librarian, or other responsible officer.

XXVI. No alteration of the laws of the Society shall be made, except at a general meeting; nor then, unless notice of the alteration intended to be proposed at such meeting shall have been laid before the Council at least one month previously.

XXVII. The Council shall have power to call a General Meeting of the Members at any time; and shall also do so within three weeks, upon receiving a requisition in writing to that effect from not less than twenty Members of the Society.

REGULATIONS FOR THE DELIVERY OF BOOKS.

I. They will be delivered, free of expense, at the Office of the Society, 45, Frith Street, Soho, or within three miles of the General Post Office, London.

II. They will be sent to any place in England, beyond the distance of three miles from the General Post Office, by any conveyance a Member may point out. In this case the parcels will be booked at the expense of the Society, but the carriage must be paid by the Member to whom they are sent.

III. They will be delivered, free of expense, at any place in London which a Member resident in the country may name.

IV. They may remain at the Office until the Members apply for them; but in that case the Society will not be responsible for any damage that may happen from fire or other accident.

V. They will be sent to any of the Hon. Local Secretaries of the Society, each Member paying the Local Secretary a due share of the carriage of the parcel in which the books are sent.

VI. Any number of country members may unite, to have their books sent in one parcel, to any address they may name. In this case they are requested to depute one of their number to transmit to the Secretary for London a list of the names of those whose books are to be included in the same parcel.

VII. They will be delivered in Edinburgh and Dublin, as in London, and forwarded from thence to Members in other parts of Scotland and Ireland, in the same way as is mentioned above with respect to England.

VIII. Those Members who wish their books to be included in any of the parcels to Local Secretaries, are requested to send in their names (with their Christian names in full) and particular address to the various Local Secretaries, who are respectfully requested to forward to the Secretary for London an accurate list of all such names with as little delay as possible.

IX. Unless intimation to the contrary be given to the Secretary for London, the future deliveries will be made in accordance with the delivery of the first volume.

LIST OF THE WORKS ALREADY ISSUED BY THE SOCIETY.

FOR THE FIRST YEAR, 1843-4.—“Hecker’s Epidemics of the Middle Ages,” one Vol. 8vo, pp. xx, 380; “Louis on Phthisis,” one Vol. 8vo, pp. xxxv, 571; “Th. Sydenham Opera Omnia,” one Vol. 8vo, pp. xxx, 668.

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, 1844-5.—“The Seven Books of Paulus Ægineta,” vol. I, pp. xxviii, 683; “Observations on Aneurism,” one Vol. 8vo, pp. xii, 524; “Simon’s Animal Chemistry,” vol. I, 8vo, pp. xx, 360, plate.

FOR THE THIRD YEAR, 1845-6.—“Simon’s Animal Chemistry,” vol. II, 8vo, pp. xii, 560, 2 plates; “Paulus Ægineta,” vol. II, 8vo, pp. xi, 511; “Hasse’s Pathology,” 8vo, pp. xvi, 400.

FOR THE FOURTH YEAR, 1846-7.—“The Works of W. Hewson,” complete in one Vol. 8vo, pp. lvi, 360, portrait, and 8 plates; “Dupuytren’s Lectures on Diseases and Injuries of Bones,” one Vol. 8vo, pp. xvi, 459; “The Works of W. Harvey, M.D.” complete in one Vol. 8vo, pp. xvi, 624.

FOR THE FIFTH YEAR, 1847-8.—“Paulus Ægineta,” vol. III, pp. viii, 653; “Feuchtersleben’s Medical Psychology,” pp. xx, 392; “Microscopical Researches of Schwann and Schleiden,” pp. xx, 268, 6 plates; “Memoirs of the French Academy of Surgery,” pp. x, 293.

FOR THE SIXTH YEAR, 1848-9.—“Rhazes on the Small Pox and Measles,” 8vo, pp. viii, 212; “The Genuine Works of Hippocrates, translated from the Greek,” Vol. I, 8vo, pp. x, 466; “The Works of Sydenham, translated from the Latin,” Vol. I, 8vo, pp. cvi, 276; “Rokitansky’s Pathological Anatomy,” Vol. II (the first issued), 8vo, pp. xvi, 359.

NOTICE.

New Members may still obtain the First, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Year’s Works; but of the Second and Third Year’s Books none remain. In lieu of the third volume of PAULUS ÆGINETA, New Members will receive a copy of some other work, so that on commencing with the fourth or either of the subsequent years, the series of books which they will obtain will be complete in themselves.

As the number of copies of the works printed by the Society is regulated by the number of Subscribers, gentlemen intending to subscribe for the current year will see the propriety of giving in their names without delay. Those who are desirous of becoming Members are requested to transmit their names, with the exact designation and address, to the Secretary, or to any of the Local Secretaries.

The Subscriptions for the current year, which are now due, must be paid either to any of the Local Secretaries; or by a Post-office Order made payable at the CHIEF OFFICE, London, to the Secretary; or by an order on any London banker.

45, Frith Street, Soho, London;
May 1849.

